Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - March 2009

Location Date/Time Deaths & Property & Event Type and Details
Injuries Crop Dmg

INDIANA, Southeast

RIPLEY COUNTY --- 2.5 S SUNMAN [39.19, -85.10], 2.2 S SUNMAN [39.20, -85.09]

03/08/09 16:22 EST 40K Tornado (EF1, L: 0.47 mi , W: 25 yd) 03/08/09 16:24 EST 0 Source: NWS Storm Survey

The tornado briefly touched down in two locations just west and north of the intersection of Indiana State Routes 101 and 48. The first area of damage occurred on a property located along State Route 48 about a quarter mile west of the intersection of State Routes 48 and 101. A large two-story barn sustained roof damage and had both metal garage doors blown out. Much of the north-facing wall of the garage and several small objects in the barn were blown out and thrown into an adjacent cornfield to the northeast. A second smaller barn behind the home had the back part of its metal roof peeled or removed. Two cedar trees in the vicinity of the large barn were uprooted. The homeowner and his son both witnessed the tornado lift up in the cornfield and then come back down in the vicinity of State Route 101 just north of its intersection with State Route 48. It was in this location that the second area of damage was located.

The most significant damage was in this location along State Route 101, to a stand-alone garage and the back portion of a house. The front part of the garage had its roof completely removed and deposited in a few parts in the field to the east of the property. Several pieces of the roof trusses and fiberglass were scattered behind the garage as well. Insulation was stuck to the entire south side of the garage, and the west-facing garage door was blown out. The back part of the garage remained largely intact with little roof damage. The homeowners indicated that this part of the garage was built at a later time than the front part of the garage. Additional damage occurred to a back room to the house. This was an addition to the house, built at the same time as the front portion of the garage which sustained the brunt of the damage. The entire room was shifted off the foundation by as much as six inches and the door was blown out. Several maple trees along the back edge of the property were knocked down. Based on the type of damage to the structures and their building quality, estimated maximum winds were 85 to 90 mph.

RIPLEY COUNTY --- 0.8 NE NEW MARION [39.01, -85.36]

 03/08/09 16:41 EST
 3K
 Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)

 03/08/09 16:44 EST
 0
 Source: Emergency Manager

Power poles were knocked down.

Severe thunderstorms developed over southeast Indiana during the late afternoon as strong low pressure and an associated cold front moved through the region.

KENTUCKY, Northern

BOONE COUNTY --- 1.0 NW FLORENCE [38.99, -84.63]

03/08/09 17:47 EST 1K Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
03/08/09 17:51 EST 0 Source: Trained Spotter

A few severe thunderstorms developed across northern Kentucky during the late afternoon as a strong low pressure system and an associated cold front moved through the region.

OHIO, Southwest

MERCER COUNTY --- CELINA [40.55, -84.57]

03/10/09 23:55 EST

5K

Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)

03/10/09 23:59 EST

0 Source: Law Enforcement

A road sign was blown over. A shed sustained minor damage.

MERCER COUNTY --- MONTEZUMA [40.48, -84.55]

03/11/09 00:04 EST 3K Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt) 03/11/09 00:08 EST 0 Source: Public

Large tree limbs were downed.

A line of strong to severe thunderstorms ahead of a cold front affected west central Ohio just after midnight.

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